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SUMMARY. SHORTLY AFTER RETURN FROM HANOI, FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN TELLS SWEDISH JOURNALIST THAT HE DISCUSSED INCREASED SWEDISH AID WITH PRG OFFICIALS. FUNK REPRESENTATION SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN SAME SUBJECT, BUT ARE INTERESTED IN SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF SIHANOUK EXILE GOVERNMENT. WICKMAN ALSO SAID PRG AND DRV OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE. HE BRUSHED OFF IDEA THAT SWEDEN COULD CHANGE ITS POLICY IN INDOCHINA IN ORDER IMPROVE US- SWEDISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER KCRISTER WICKMAN INTERVIEW BY DAGENS NYHETER' S SVEN OSTE WAS PUBLISHED ON JUNE 15, SHORTLY AFTER WICKMAN' S VISIT TO PEKING AND HANOI. WICKMAN, FIRST WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT NORTH UNCLASSIFIED
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VIETNAMESE CAPITAL, TOLD OSTE THAT ADDITIONAL SWEDISH

AID TO PRG (HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, BUILDING MATERIALS) WAS DISCUSSED DURING HANOI VISIT. HE SAID FUNK REPRESENTATIVES (WHOM HE PRESUMABLY MET EARLIER IN PEKING) ON OTHER HAND SHOWED ONLY LIMITED INTEREST IN SWEDISH ASSISTANCE. WICKMAN POINTED OUT THAT 1.4 MILLION KRONOR SWEDEN HAS SET ASIDE FOR FUNK HAS NOT YET BEEN USED.

2. REPORTING THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF SIHANOUK EXILE " GOVERNMENT" WANT SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, WICKMAN SAID SWEDEN HAS NO SUCH PLANS. STILL, WICKMAN POINTS TO " FACTURAL RELATIONS" WHICH SWEDEN MAINTAINS WITH THE EXILE GOVERNMENT. QUESTIONED BY OSTE ON SWEDISH CONDITIONS FOR RECOGNITION, WICKMAN SAID " WHAT IS REQUIRED IS REAL CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY -- THAT THEY CONTROL PHNOM PENH." LATER, OSTE NOTES, WICKMAN BACKED OFF FROM SECOND PART SAYING THAT SWEDEN WOULD REAPPREISE SITUATION IF SIHANOUK FORCES PROCLAIMED ANOTHER CAPITAL AND CONTROLLED ALL OF CAMBODIA EXCEPT PHNOM PENH.

3. COMMENTING ON " RUMORS" THAT PRG WILL ESTABLISH A CAPITAL AND ON SPECULATION OF A PARTITION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WICKMAN SAID THIS WOULD BE A NEW SITUATION NOT WORTH DISCUSSING TODAY. WICKMAN TOLD OSTE THAT HIS IMPRESSION FROM TALKS WITH PRG AND DRV LEADERS IS THAT THEY OPTIMISTICALLY EXPECT THAT THE POLITICAL PROCESS WILL UNDERMINE THIEU AND GRADUALLY BRING PRG TO ITS GOAL. WICKMAN SAID THIS OPTIMISM, THIS FEELING OF VICTORY WAS AMONG STRONGEST IMPRESSIONS HE RECEIVED DURING HANOI VISIT. THIS AND OTHER IMPRESSIONS- THE DESTRUCTION, THE FRANTIC REBUILDING, THE INDUSTRIAL WHEELS SPINNING IN THE MIDST OF RUINS- ADDED UP TO A STRONG PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, WICKMAN STRESSED.

4. WICKMAN REPORTEDLY REMARKED TO OSTE THAT CAMBODIA IS NOW EXPERIENCING EVEN MORE DISTRUCTIVE BOMBING. THE GOS HAS REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED THIS AND HAS BRANDED THE AMERICAN BOMBING AS INFAMOUS, WICKMAN TOLD HIM.

5. OSTE ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THE " FROZEN US- SWEDISH RELATIONS." A CHANGED SWEDISH ATTITUDE ON
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INDOCHINA WOULD DOUBTLESS SOLVE THE PROBLEM, WOULDN' T IT? ACCORDING TO OSTE, WICKMAN' S RESPONSE WAS: " HOW COULD SUCH A CHANGE BE POSSIBLE?" WITH A GESTURE HE BRUSHED ASIDE THE THOUGHT AS ABSURD, OSTE REPORTS.
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